



"The Crucible" part 6 (of 6): "What is and What should never Be"



Asgard lies in ruin. The Cosmos is surely forsaken, Lady Death and the Valkyrie are Genocide's prisoners. The fate of everything that exists lies with... Brock, the troll!



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Whoa, it's been a husy summer. I've been all over this great country going to a ton of super cool conventions to meet all our renders. Recently, I was at the Dragoncon, which is a great show, I recommend people take their summer vacation during this show and attend. It gets real, real wild rlown there. We will be there next year tno. "Lady Death" and "Purgatori" showerl up at Dragon Con. Check out the photos and see what I mean.

We attended Wizard's Chicago Comic Con, where I harl the hest time of my comics career. We all had a hlast. We had a magician "warm up" the crowrl, our had Rob Prior did original paintings before our eyes - and he gave them away! We had the infamous Chaos! trivia contest, where readers won Chaos! premium erlitions and we got to play our music very, very loud.

I had a secret meeting with John Russo in Pittsburgh. We talked about "stuff". John, for those of you who don't know, co-authored Night of The Living Dead, my favorite movie of all time. What dirl we speak about? The answer lies on the back cover of all nur upcoming "Classic Monster" titles. Check 'em out. It looks to be a very horrific 1998 around Chaosl Comics, Isn't that heartwarming?

Next I stopped at the San Diego Comic Com where Steven Hughes and I were special guests. It's great to greet our readers in San Diego, but sometimes it's hard to be Chaos! there. They tried to shut our music down again like two years ago, but I started singing the Star Spangled Banner, and our massive crown joined in. The very cool show manager, Fae Desmond showed up and let the show go on. Free speech - and loud tunes - prevailerl, Thanks Faye.

I'd like to give a shout out to our tour manager, Marja Van De Weerrlt who is making this years 20 plus Chaos! crew appearances very cool. Marja runs a great show. Also thanks to our resirlent lyampire, Vlad who has assisted this tour and lends a gothic ambiance to our already twisted vibe. And also thanks to all our "Fiend helpers" who assist us at the shows. You see, Marja calls up Fiend Club members close to where we are heading and asks them to help. You've all heen great, thanks. And watch out, the tour ain't over AND we'll do it all over again NEXT year! Who says this ain't the ONYX age of comics?

Oh yeah, before I forget, for all you Chaos! fans that have been waiting for an announcement about an "Evil" Chans! movie, things are heating up and looking fine. Expect a hig announcement - and I mean BIG, get it? - by Christmas time. Peace - Ihru annihilation.

Now onto your letters:

## **DEAR CHAOS!**

close look at the figure for myself! I'm together,[ curious. When do you plan on selling I have some questions, and I hope you Please look into this! Thanks for your them (

the coloring is beautiful). I important to her?

Congratulations! Your success on your everyone else down. NO! Far from it! ter. I bided my time, waiting for the first action figure is a glorious step in the You're all rloing wonderful! I'm not the next newsletter to come in the mailbox. progress you are all making. I wish I was kind of person to shun most of the group, Yet it never did! To this day, June 13, there to talk with you guys and get an up- for things aren't complete unless you're 1997, I haven't gotten another. Is some-

could get around to replying a.s.a.p.

I also want to congratulate Stephen 1. Lady Death used to hate having to Hughes, Jason Jensen, and Jack Gray for fight. She then accepted it, and moved on, their success on The Crucible Series, yet she didn't really enjoy it. Now, after Steve busts his ass to keep up with draw. she "celebrated" with Grim, she was ing each book of this series! It must be forced into fighting again. The thing was, tough, hat trust me Steve, your work she was having a hlast! This confuses me. is GREATLY APPRECIATED! Was it because of her "celebration", or did ason's and Jack's work on she tringet about everything that was

love the coloring anri 2. How come Lady Death's clothes get lighting effects! Great job all forn up when she's so untouchable in guys! I hope to see these battle? (Not that I'm complaining. Heh, special effects in more heh, hot mama!



# Bernardo Salazar

3. What happened to the Feris Wolf? | rlidn't see him at all in issue #4. Was he put to sleep or something? I hope not:

4. Is Genocide going to snap if he hears "your a slave to order" one more time? He's getting angiver every time he

5. Now for a more serious question. Last August of 1996, I received my Fiend Club package. It was great! It had all the stuff it was supposed to have and more! Now, part of my purchase issues! [I don't mean in any way to put was a year's subscription to the newsletthing wrong going on? I hope not time. Keep up the great work.

> ·Vince "Slaughtaur" Fantini [Fiend #2292]

Yo "Slaughter" here's your answers:

1) In regards to Lady Death's ever evolving points of view on fighting/not tighting, etc. Way I see it, our stories have a true to life quality. As people we change our opinions and evolve. Lady Death is constantly battling between the light and dark in her soul. As you can see in The Crucible storyline, she's taking a darker path again. And you know

what? Don't expect her to lighten up soon. back in time, established a new identity In fact, it only gets... that would be telling. and endeared himself to the Asgardian so

2) Because it looks cool.

3) You get vour answer in this very ssuel

4) Yes.

5) Let me level with you. We've truly that Evil Ernie is. boned our newsletter schedule. As we speak, I'm personally overseeing production of newsletter #2 and #3 of this year. the upcoming CREMATOR: HELL'S They will be out in September and GUARDIAN, a five issue series starting October respectively.



Aw Ngwyen

### WUS', UP, ERNIE?,

Man you guys just kill [literally]. "The Crucible #3 kicked ass and Homicide: Tears of the Dead was great. But I have some rigestions, man.....

Lady Death Crucible #4

1. Why is Sinestra on the cover? I thought Lady D. toaster her!

2. If Skoll, the "hunter and trapper" is Benlam, why rloes everyone call him Skoll?

Homicide

3. If Homicide has all that "son of silence" extermination ghoul stuff. Why doesn't he take everyone out?

4. Why was all this info about Ricks past told before?

General questions

5. What happens to Creamator now that he has some of Evil Ernie's (the man's)

6 Any chance of Vex, Sinistra, Bedlam, seance [origins] or Lady Demon?

7. Is asteroth gone for goor!?

Thank for reading Mike Collins

answers to your queries

1) Yes she's on the cover AND yes, she

2) Brdlam can jump back in time. In

preparation of this crisis, he jumped they would trast him.

3) Homicide is about \*measured attack". He is simply biding his time. Additionally he isn't the mega-serial killa

4) Huh?

5) You will learn the answer to that in up in the first quarter of 1998. It's heavy. It's about the civil war in Hell.

6) Yup. Plus Lady Demon will return in the upcoming LADY DEATH: Wicked Ways, slated to start January, 1998.

7) Nope., He shows up-in the above mentioned Cremator series."

### DEAR CHAOS!,

The Crucible is an awesome enic! Never has such a story brought such a sense of.....adventure! I've always been on the lookout for a comic that was visually entertaining as well as with a mystery-filled plot line. I never truly knew what's going to happen to Lady Death. Chaotic, you could say!

I can't wait for the latest Evil Ernie series; he is the ultimate ghoul [yet he loves Larly Death; she is the light in the slorm]. Evil Ernie is your wake-up call; face réality, you're gonna die!

I have to tell ya, your trading cards (all in chromium, thank the spirits) are the absolute best! I have to compare out of all the cards that I have, Evil Ernie Series II is the best! Glow-In The Dark Chromium? You can't beat that with a stick! However, I am sweating for Evil Ernie: Master of Annihilation, anrl Lady Death Mega Chromium gards. Okay, enough praise

Where is Homicide? Please make him come back! That initial issue was awesome. He has to come back! Also, who or what influenced Lady Death?

> Sincerely, Melinda CHAOS! RULES

Who or what influenced Larly Death? I crented her hecause I needed something or someone to motivate Evil Ernie. I started with the concept "behind every great man is a great woman" and that started the ball rolling. In terms of attitude, I wanted her to be cruel and unrelenting. Visually, she started out with a California beach bunny (if you can believe (t), but I quickly choose a Marylin Monroe/Ann Margaret archetype, so she would have a bold beautiful look. Steven brings her to "life" quite awesomely, doesn't he?

More Homicide is on the way, Look for Dead King (homicirle): Burnt in a four issue series coming sonn.



Roger Ward



The devilish AMANDA **HOLLAND** as Purgatori!

Things get even darker. Lady Death appears possessed by nightmare and she is relishing her dark side. Suddenly DEATH shows up to find out what shaking up the cosmos. Lady Death is not pleased AND she learns a few revelations about herself and death that are quite startling. Get ready to rumble this October when LADY DEATH #0 "Death Becomes Her" cnmes your way in comics shops across the world!



